

**Minutes from the September 23, 2010 Meeting
of the Rochester Philatelic Association (RPA)**

RPA President Tom Fortunato opened the meeting at approximately 7:30pm. 27 RPA members were present.

No old business was discussed.

Under new business:

- Dave Robinson stated that the RPA could save approximately \$1000 per year by moving its regular meetings to the Brighton Reformed Church compared to last year's arrangements at 12 Corners Presbyterian Church. He stated that the proposed meeting room was sufficiently spacious, that free storage space was available, but that Thursday (the regular RPA meeting night) was not available. **Membership asked Dave to determine what nights were available and to inquire of Brighton Reformed about holding a "tryout" RPA meeting at that site. Action: Dave to report back to the RPA on the above two items at the first October meeting.**
- Ray Stone proposed selling or giving away portions of the RPA Library due to lack of use and / or as a fundraiser. RPA membership agreed to form a "Library Committee" to inventory the club library, review club loan procedures and to make general library recommendations to the RPA membership. John Kellas (Chairman), Rich Spinelli, Mark Scheuer and Larry Rausch volunteered to become "Library Committee" members. **The Committee will conduct its first meeting at 6 pm on the second meeting in October in the library storage area. John Kellas is responsible for insuring Committee attendance.**
- A lively discussion followed about the selling of RPA donations received under our 501(c)3 IRS non-profit designation and the IRS retention requirements for them. Ray Stone and John Stoltz recommended that the bulk of philatelic donations currently being held by the club be donated to Cheryl Edgcomb for Stamp Camp activities, alleviating potential years of storage for them. The Stone / Stoltz recommendation was put on hold until IRS requirements could be confirmed. **Tom Fortunato took the action to look into the current IRS donation retention requirements and report back to the RPA at the first October meeting.**
- Rick Kase proposed that the RPA spend an estimated \$40 to create a new philatelic cancel to replace the one in use since 1993 at the main Post Office that is now unusable. The proposal was unanimously approved contingent upon the USPS's acceptance of the cancel design. **Rick Kase has the action to report back to the RPA decision as well as any actions to create the cancel.**
- Rick Kase reminded RPA membership of the RNA's next coin show on October 30 and 31 at the Eisenhower auditorium.
- John Stoltz reminded membership of the Elmira stamp show on October 15-16
- Tom Fortunato reported that the 2011 Ropex Committee has selected "50 Years of Americans in Space" as the show theme.
- Rick Kase reported that ROPEX awards were purchased in bulk at \$7 each to replace the former cubes and medals that have now run out. These are expected to fulfill the need for 3-4 years.

Following new business, door prizes were awarded.

As featured presentation, Tom Fortunato showed slides and spoke on his visit to the 2010 International Stamp show in London, England. The presentation was warmly accepted.

Following the presentation, the silent auction was closed.